

PRAISED EARLINGTON

Golden Cross Officials and Delegates Delighted With Treatment Here.

SEVERAL HOPKINS COUNTY PEOPLE HONORED IN ELECTION

Pronounced The Best Meeting of Grand Commandery Ever Held.

The most important meeting ever held by the Kentucky Grand Commandery, United Order Golden Cross, closed with public installation and a banquet at Masonic Temple last Thursday night. A grand officer who has been attending these meetings for a number of years said to THE BEE that the Earlington meeting was without question the best ever held by the Kentucky Grand Commandery; that there had been the best attendance and the best feeling present, and that the delegates had been given the best treatment ever extended them at any of their meetings. The officers and delegates generally expressed themselves in terms of unqualified praise of the very cordial and solicitous hospitality that had been shown them on all sides during their stay in Earlington, and their hosts were, if possible, even more pleased with their visitors and the opportunity to entertain them with the best their hearts and homes could provide.

When honors were distributed Earlington and Hopkins county were not forgotten, as will be seen from the list of grand officers and delegates that follow. These were elected at the Thursday afternoon session:

Chas. B. Hatfield, Paducah, Grand Commander.

Mrs. Sallie E. Stevens, Earlington, Vice Grand Commander.

Mrs. Maggie McCall, Louisville, Grand Prelate.

W. B. Moore, Louisville, Grand Keeper of Records.

John H. Burnett, Paducah, Grand Treasurer.

J. E. Williams, M. D., Mortons Gap, Grand Herald.

W. N. Simmons, Paducah, Grand Warder Inner Gate.

Jno. W. Downard, West Point, Grand Warder Outer Gate.

R. A. Barnes, Louisville, Grand Trustee.

Dr. G. Frank Russell, Louisville, Grand Trustee.

Jas. M. Lang, Paducah, Grand Trustee.

J. A. Hodges, Louisville, Supreme Representative.

J. D. Sory, M. D., Madisonville, Supreme Representative.

C. B. Hatfield, Paducah, Alternate Supreme Representative.

C. H. Murphey, Madisonville, Alternate Supreme Representative.

D. A. Brooks, Jr., Sturgis, holds over as Past Grand Commander by virtue of the fact that Grand Commander Hatfield was reelected. All but three of the former grand officers and representatives were present.

The next meeting will be held at Paducah during the year 1907. There was quite an interesting contest over the election of supreme representatives. The next meeting of the Supreme Grand Commandery is to be held at Providence, R. I., beginning May 16th, and affording a very attractive trip to the delegates elect, aside from the honor of the office.

Earlington Commandery must have done some unusually good work on Wednesday evening, with the degree team composed chiefly of ladies. This was one of the chief features of the gathering and one heard on all sides expressions of praise for the work done.

At the public meeting at Temple Theatre on Thursday morning the program was carried out in full as announced. Mayor W. F. Burr delivered the address of welcome, notwithstanding the fact that he was indisposed and had thought he would be unable to be present. Dur-

ing his talk he referred to past fights against the liquor traffic in Earlington and the part taken by the ladies in those contests, and was cheered to the echo. The fact that the Golden Cross was the first benevolent order to admit ladies on exactly equal footing with men, was frequently referred to in the various speeches.

Grand Commander Hatfield, in his response, paid high tribute to the hospitality and general feeling of fraternity he said he had found on all sides since coming to Earlington, and spoke with pleasure of the feeling of confidence and brotherhood existing between employer and employee in Earlington. He complimented highly the picturesque beauty of Earlington and said the first impression made on his mind was that it was a city of homes, a place of contented industry. He said he had visited and seen many other mining towns in the country where all the houses looked alike, with no trace of a real home, and drew a striking contrast with the vine-clad cottage homes of Earlington and their picturesque surroundings. He paid the Earlington Commandery deserved compliments, saying that there were only two other commanderies in Kentucky that were larger and that in some things Earlington Commandery was better than any other in the State. In all the thirteen years since its organization only one meeting has been missed, and that night two of the members were present. Here ladies fill the stations and do best work. This commandery has never cost the order a single penny to send men here to straighten things up. He closed by repeating that he was in sympathy with the spirit of brotherhood evidenced here by all our people.

Rev. E. L. Dolph of Jeffersonville, Ind., Supreme Prelate, said he had been under a series of continual surprises since he left Louisville. Nortonville he said was a surprise and a disappointment. He had expected to see a larger place. He thought "what must Earlington be?" He said: "Your city grew on my sight. Beautiful homes, substantial stores and a splendid welcome." He emphasized the fact that "temperance, sobriety and Christianity are recognized in Earlington," and said that a "total abstinence organization could not but be in sympathy with such a town." He believed in an organization that takes in the ladies and believed they could keep secrets better than men.

J. W. McCall, of Louisville, responded on behalf of the Grand Commandery in a brief speech in which he said he "had been so nicely treated in Earlington he didn't know whether he would go back at all."

J. A. Hodges, of Louisville, responded for the rank and file. He gave interesting statistics of the order and spoke of the spirit of the organization, closing with a tribute to Earlington hospitality.

After the public meeting the Grand Commandery went into executive session and adjourned in time to partake of a delightful buffet luncheon prepared by the ladies of Earlington and served in the Knights Templar banquet hall. A photograph was taken of the delegates and visitors on the steps of Masonic Temple and after another session at which officers were elected the party was conducted on a tour through No. 9 mine of the St. Bernard Mining Company, which was a new experience to many of the number and much enjoyed.

There was public installation at Temple Theatre Thursday evening, followed by a banquet in banquet hall. J. W. McCall acted as toastmaster, calling first upon Supreme Prelate Dolph to respond to the toast "Our Order." Rev. Dolph spoke of the tenets of the order and closed by proposing a toast to "Earlington."

Grand Commander Hatfield responded to "Our Grand Commander." He said: "He is a new commander and starts out with a new primer for the coming year." He said some things had been learned at this meeting. That the first lesson and the motto should be, "A degree team in every commandery in the State with the principal officers ladies." The second lesson in the primer should be "No such word as can't."

J. A. Hodges responded to the toast "Insurance." He said there are times when he was a pessimist but "not tonight." That the surroundings now made him an optimist. He spoke highly of Golden Cross insurance and closed by offering a toast to "Earlington and Earlington Commandery."

Thank The People of Earlington.

Earlington, Ky., April 14, 1905.

In behalf of Earlington Commandery No. 525, U. O. G. C., we extend our thanks to the good people of Earlington in assisting us in the entertainment of our Grand and Supreme officers, delegates and visitors. And especially to Mr. Jno. B. Atkinson for their trip through the mines which was enjoyed by all.

Also to the Temple Theatre for the use of their building in giving welcome address and installation of officers and to Mr. W. S. McGary for his kindness in furnishing free transportation to the Sir Knights and ladies to the several homes provided for them.

A special acknowledgment has been sent to the Masonic orders for the use of their commodious quarters by the Grand Commandery.

Signed by the committee.
J. R. EVANS,
SALLIE E. STEVENS,
EMMA B. TWYMAN.

CHARLES M. MEACHAM

To be Democratic Senatorial Standard Bearer This Year.

Charles M. Meacham, publisher of the Hopkinsville Kentuckian, will in all human probability be the only candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Senator for Hopkins and Christian counties. He has been endorsed by the committees of both counties and a resolution was adopted Saturday at a meeting of the committee at Madisonville that if no other candidate is announced before April 22, Mr. Meacham will be declared the nominee.

OLD MASONS' HOME.

Movement to Raise \$30,000 for Building Near Shelbyville Successful.

Louisville, Ky., April 16.—The movement to raise \$30,000 for a modern building at the Old Masons' Home, near Shelbyville, is making excellent progress according to reports received by a committee of the Grand Lodge.

The site of the home consists of 162 acres, situated about one mile from Shelbyville. The old farmhouse with accommodations for sixteen, is now used as a home.

The committee has recently sent letters to all the lodges in the State asking for contributions to the fund, and the replies so far received are gratifying.

New Catholic School Building for Henderson.

The Rev. Edward J. Lynch, of Henderson, spent Tuesday in Louisville. The stone foundation of his new school building is completed, and he hastened back to be present at the laying of the first brick on Wednesday. —Saturday's Louisville Post.

Married at Nortonville.

Nortonville, Ky., April 16.—Lloyd W. James and Miss Laura E. Melton were married at the home of the bride's parents here this morning at 9 o'clock, the Rev. Ragland, of the Methodist Episcopal church, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. James left immediately for Linton, Ind., where they will reside.

KILLED AT BARNESLEY.
Aged Negress Run Over and Killed by Train 92 at Barnesley Wednesday Morning.

Mary McNairy, an aged negress about seventy years of age, was run over and instantly killed by northbound passenger train No. 92 at Barnesley Wednesday morning. It appears that she was walking up the track from the train, which was running at a high rate of speed, and did not hear the warning whistle sounded by the engineer until it was too late. The coroner was summoned and held an inquest. A verdict was rendered in accordance with the above facts.

House Burned at Hecla.

Col. Albert Toombs, one of Earlington's well known and justly popular citizens, had the misfortune to lose the majority of his household goods by fire Sunday afternoon at Hecla. It is supposed the fire was caused by a spark from the kitchen flue falling on the roof. The most unfortunate part of the affair was that after the goods had been removed to the yard and were thought to be safe a large portion of them were burned by flying sparks. Col. Toombs has been living at Hecla only a short time having moved from this place about five months ago.

Burglars Visit J. R. Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dean received an unexpected visit from a burglar Sunday morning about 1:30 o'clock. Mrs. Dean was awakened by a scratching noise on the window, but thinking it was the family cat paid no further attention to it for some moments. Finally the noise became louder as if the window was being raised. She then arose to a sitting posture and saw a man in the window on his hands and knees. She at once awakened Mr. Dean, who secured his pistol as quickly as possible, but the burglar had fled into the night and all trace of him was lost.

RESPONDED WITH A PISTOL

An Incident of the Montgomery Ward & Co. Strike in Chicago.

A Non-Union Driver, Assaulted by a Union Picket, Uses a Pistol, But Hits the Wrong Man.

Chicago, April 19.—The first shooting and most serious assault since the commencement of the Montgomery Ward strike occurred late Tuesday afternoon at Van Buren and Sherman streets. Charles Ocker, a non-union teamster, was leaving the Atlantic hotel, when he was attacked by a union picket, who drew a revolver and fired twice at his assailant, and although he was but a few feet from the man, both bullets went wide, and one of them struck Walter Klinger, a teamster, who was unloading a wagon half a square away. Ocker was arrested. Klinger's wound is not dangerous. Shortly after this trouble was over John O'Reilly, of St. Louis, who was walking on Van Buren street, near the scene of the shooting, was attacked by union teamsters and beaten into insensibility. It was believed by the teamsters that he had been working for Montgomery Ward & Co., but O'Reilly asserted that he had not been working for the firm, had no intention of doing so, and until he was attacked knew nothing about the strike. Montgomery Ward & Co. experienced less difficulty Tuesday in delivering goods than at any time since the commencement of the strike. All of their wagons made the strips to the freight depots under police guard, and none of them was molested.

CARRIE NATION CONVICTED.

Together With Two Other Companion Joint Smashers, She Was Given Judicial Justice.

Wichita, Kas., April 15.—Carrie Nation has been sentenced to four months in jail and fine of \$250 in the district court. Her companions were Mrs. Myra McHenry, sentenced to two months and a \$150 fine, and Mrs. Lucy Wilhoit, 25 days and a \$150 fine. The sentence is suspended pending good behavior. Judge Wilson warned the crusaders that they must refrain from joint smashing in this judicial district. The offense was the smashing of the Mahan wholesale liquor house in September last.

RIGHT OF CONTRACT

Upheld by the Supreme Court of United States.

STATUTE RESTRICTING HOURS OF LABOR IN NEW YORK IS INVALID.

In an opinion by Justice Peckham the Supreme Court of the United States held to be unconstitutional the New York State law making ten hours a day's work and sixty hours a week's work in bakeries in that State. Justice Harlan declared that no more important decision had been rendered in the last century.

The opinion was handed down in the case of Lockner vs. the State of New York, and was based on the ground that the law interferes with the free exercise of the rights of the contract between individuals.

The law involved in the case is Section 110 of the New York State labor law, prescribing the hours of labor in bakeries in the State. Lockner is a baker in the city of Utica and was found guilty of permitting an employee to work in his bakery more than sixty hours in a week and fined \$50. The judgment was affirmed by the New York Appellate Court.

ABSOLUTE PROHIBITION.

Today's opinion dealt entirely with the constitutional question involved. Justice Peckham said that the law is not an act merely fixing the number of hours which shall constitute a legal day's work, but an absolute prohibition on the employer, permitting under no conditions more than ten hours' work to be done in his establishment. He continued:

"The employee may desire to earn the extra money which would arise from his working more than the prescribed time, but this statute forbids the employer from permitting the employee to earn it. It necessarily interferes with the right of contract between the employer and employee, concerning the number of hours in which the latter may labor in the bakery of the employer. The general right to make a contract in relation to his business is part of the liberty of the individual protected by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

"Under that provision no State can deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law. The right to purchase or to sell labor is part of the liberty protected by this amendment unless there are circumstances which exclude the right."

The Justice referred to the exceptions coming under the head of the police powers of the State, and after considering that point at length, concluded that the present case did not fall within the police power.

IN A FEW WORDS.

"The question whether this act is valid as a labor law pure and simple may," he says, "be dismissed in a few words. There is no reasonable ground for interfering with the liberty of persons or the right of free contract by determining the hours of labor in the occupation of a baker. Bakers are in no sense wards of the State. Viewed in the light of a purely labor law, with no reference whatever to the question of health, we think that a law like the one before us involves neither the safety, the morals nor the welfare of the public, and that the interest of the public is not in the slightest degree affected by such an act.

"It is a question which of two powers or rights shall prevail—the power of the State to legislate to liberty of person and freedom of contract. The mere assertion that the subject relates to the public health does not necessarily render the enactment valid. The act must have a more direct relation as a means to an end and the end itself must be appropriate and legitimate before an act can be held

to be valid which interferes with the general right of an individual to be free in his person and in his power to contract in relation to his own labor. We think the limit of the police power has been reached and passed in this case."

He quoted statistics to show that the trade of a baker is not an especially unhealthy one, and said men could not be prevented from earning a living for their families. He concluded:

THE REAL OBJECT.

"It seems to us that the real object and purpose was simply to regulate the hours of labor between the master and his employees, all being men sui juris, in a private business, not dangerous in any degree to morals or in any real substantial degree to the health of the employees. Under such circumstances the freedom of master and employee to contract with each other in relation to their employment and in defining the same, cannot be prohibited or interfered with without violating the Federal Constitution."

Justices Holmes and Harlan both delivered dissenting opinions, and Justices White and Day concurred in Justice Harlan's views.

GONE HOME.

James I. King, Son of Rev. J. E. King, Southern Methodist Minister of This Place, Crosses the Eternal Divide.

James I. King, the only son of Rev. J. E. King, of this city, passed quietly away Monday night about 10:30 o'clock. He was a young man about twenty-six years old and had until three months ago been firing an engine on the main line of the L. & N. R. R. When he became so feeble from that insidious disease, consumption, he could no longer do his work he came home to spend the few remaining weeks of his short life with his father and family.

After coming to Earlington he apparently improved slightly but the change for the better did not last long. Loving friends and kind hearts did all they could to make the journey as pleasant as possible. He suffered very little during his illness and the end came peacefully and quietly. He was a member of the Southern Methodist church in good standing.

The funeral services at the residence was conducted by Rev. W. S. Cashman, of Hopkinsville, assisted by Howard J. Brazleton, of this city. The Masonic Lodge of which he was a member officiated at the funeral and conveyed the remains to the train.

The funeral was largely attended by a host of sorrowing friends. The interment took place at Auburn Wednesday morning. Mrs. Kate Withers of this city, accompanied the funeral party to Auburn.

The sorrowing family have the sincere sympathy of their many friends and there is no doubt in their minds that the signals were white when this railroad man entered the Heavenly Terminal.

A CALL

To the Members of the Christian Church.

Next Sunday morning is the occasion of the roll call service. The roll of the entire membership will be called and we earnestly desire a response from every member. If you find it will be impossible for you to be present please send a passage of scripture to be read in response to your name. We are very anxious to know just who is interested in the work, and to be able to fully correct the list.

If you are a member of the Christian church somewhere else we want you to identify yourself with the work here.

The Elders and Deacons.
HOWARD J. BRAZLETON,
Minister.

Carlisle Goes "Dry."

Carlisle, Ky., April 15.—After the hardest-fought battle ever witnessed in Carlisle, the city goes dry today by a majority of 708.